

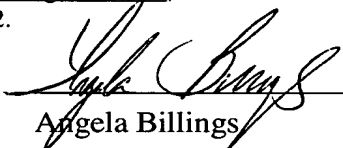


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Lowery et al.,
ASSIGNEE: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/918,589 EXAMINER:
FILING DATE: July 30, 2001 ART UNIT:
FOR: PROCESSES FOR RECEPTOR SCREENING

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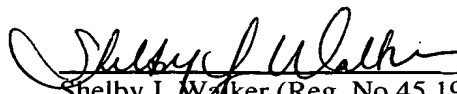
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five month extension of time to respond to the September 5, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 5, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0725 in the amount of \$980.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0725, Reference No. PV/00-17. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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